(b) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has also urged the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) to resume the funding of the rural roads programme under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund; and

(c) if so, the response of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) Ministry of Finance Jias been addressed to provide an additionality of Rs. 2325 crore in 2004-05 on account of additional cess of 50 paise per litre levied on High Speed Diesel in the Budget of 2003-04.

(b) and (c) The Finance Minister while presenting the Union Budget for 2004-05 announced re-introduction of the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) administered by NABARD. RIDF-X will be operationalised during 2004-05.

Proposal of Madhya Pradesh for providing drinking water

†1597. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Madhya Pradesh has sent any proposal to Central Government regarding providing drinking water in rural areas for approval;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the said proposal would be sanctioned and required funds provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) to (c) Water supply is a State subject. Government of India supplements the efforts of the States by releasing funds under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme. Individual water supply schemes are planned, approved and implemented by the State Governments themselves and there is no need for sending such proposals to Government of India for approval.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.